110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. RES. 351

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Federal authorities should strengthen and vigorously enforce all existing immigration laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Sullivan submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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- Whereas the failure of the Federal Government to enforce existing immigration laws has led to a 20-year influx of aliens unlawfully crossing the borders of the United States without the proper documentation;
- Whereas such failure strains the economy, imposes additional burdens on Federal, State, and local law enforcement officials, and puts public safety in communities across the country at risk;
- Whereas it is irresponsible for the Congress to consider amnesty legislation while our existing immigration laws are not being enforced;

Whereas the policy of granting amnesty to illegal aliens is a proven failure in our country;

Whereas the amnesty granted in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 did nothing to stem the tide of illegal aliens coming across our borders and contributed to the explosion of illegal immigration our Nation faces today;

Whereas granting amnesty to the millions of illegal aliens residing in our country is fiscally irresponsible and would place heavy financial burdens on American taxpayers and Federal social programs alike; and

Whereas granting amnesty to the millions of illegal aliens residing in our country is not in the national security or economic interests of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 Resolved, That it is the sense of House of Representa-
- 2 tives that—
- 3 (1) Federal authorities should use all tools at
- 4 their disposal to strengthen and vigorously enforce
- 5 all existing immigration laws;
- 6 (2) the policy of certain cities and other polit-
- 7 ical subdivisions of providing sanctuary to illegal
- 8 aliens encourages illegal immigration to the United
- 9 States;
- 10 (3) State and local law enforcement officials
- should report all immigration violations to officials
- of the Department of Homeland Security;

- (4) the Federal Government should encourage and support the efforts of State and local law enforcement agencies to enforce existing immigration laws;
 - (5) the Congress should reject legislative consideration of any legislation which would grant amnesty to illegal aliens currently residing in the United States until all existing immigration laws are enforced; and
 - (6) the United States is a nation of laws; therefore all existing Federal immigration laws must be vigorously enforced to ensure the integrity of our immigration system and the sovereignty of our great Nation.

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